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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to combine existing programmes under an ambitious Integrated Child Protection Scheme to create a strong protective environment for children, diversify and institutionalise essential services and mobilise inter-sectoral response for strengthening child protection;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether there is a proposal to form an appropriate authority for child protection to implement these programmes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) The Working Group on the Development of Children for the 11th Five Year Plan has recommended a new Centrally sponsored Scheme − "Integrated Child Protection Scheme(ICPS)" to address the issue of child protection and build a protective environment for children. The aims of the proposed Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), inter-alia, are:

(i) improved institutional care;

(ii) quality non-institutional and alternative care;

(iii) counseling and family support;

(iv) training and capacity building.

The new scheme ICPS proposes to bring existing schemes and programmes, like A Programme for Juvenile Justice, An Integrated Programme for Street Children, and Assistance to Homes for Infant and Young Children for Promoting In-country Adoptions [Sheshu Greh] within its fold.

(c),(d)&(e) the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 has been amended recently. According to the newly inserted provision under Section 62A, 'every State Government shall constitute a Child protection unit for the State and, such units for every district, consisting of such officers and other employees as may be appointed by that Government, to take up matters relating to children in need of care and protection and juveniles in conflict with law with a view to ensure the implementation of this Act including the establishment and maintenance of homes, notification of competent authorities in relation to these children and their rehabilitation and co-ordination with various official and non official agencies concerned'.

The Working Group on the Development of children for the 11th Plan has recommended a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme − 'Integrated Child Protection Scheme' which, inter- alia, has a component for setting up of such child protection units.